

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7435–S7485

Measures Introduced: Three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3336–3338, and S. Res. 624–628. **Page S7479**

Measures Reported:

S. 2892, to promote the prosecution and enforcement of frauds against the United States by suspending the statute of limitations during times when Congress has authorized the use of military force. (S. Rept. No. 110–431)

H.R. 5551, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts. (S. Rept. No. 110–432) **Page S7479**

Measures Considered:

Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 3268, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7435–36**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 5098, to establish the enactment date. **Page S7435**

Reid Amendment No. 5099 (to Amendment No. 5098), to change the enactment date. **Page S7435**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agricultural, Nutrition, and Forestry with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 5100, to establish the effective date. **Page S7435**

Reid Amendment No. 5101 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), to change the enactment date. **Page S7435**

Reid Amendment No. 5102 (to Amendment No. 5101), to change the enactment date. **Page S7435**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 184), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S7436**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill. **Page S7436**

Foreclosure Prevention Act: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform. **Pages S7436–62**

Pending:

Reid Motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7436**

Reid Motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 5103, to establish the effective date. **Page S7436**

Reid Amendment No. 5104 (to Amendment No. 5103), to change the enactment date. **Page S7436**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 80 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 185), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the Senate amendment to the bill. **Page S7436**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9 a.m., on Saturday, July 26, 2008, Senate will continue consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7485**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the blocking of property of additional persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-60)

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Enrolled Bills Presented:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S7485

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—185)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m. and adjourned at 3:27 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday,

July 26, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7485.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner and former Secretary of Homeland Security Thomas J. Ridge, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

OFFSHORE TAX HAVENS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine financial institutions located in offshore tax havens, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts, after receiving testimony from Steven Greenfield, New York, New York; and Peter S. Lowy, Beverly Hills, California.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2008 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

MORTGAGE SERVICING PRACTICES FORECLOSURE MITIGATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "A Review of Mortgage Servicing Practices and Foreclosure Mitigation." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE POWER AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Executive Power and Its Constitutional Limitations. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kucinich, Hinchey, Jones of North Carolina and Miller of North Carolina; former Representatives Elizabeth Holtzman of New York and Bob Barr of Georgia;

Bruce Fein, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 26 through August 2, 2008

Senate Chamber

On Saturday, at 9 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221, Foreclosure Prevention Act, and vote on the motion to concur therein at 11 a.m.;